



# Celtic X-Press

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*Heart of the community, success for each, a place for all.*

## Mark your calendar with

### these Important Dates

July 2	Gr. 10-12 Student Fees payable using School Cash Online
July 31	Gr. 9 Student Fees payable using School Cash Online
Aug 28 & 29	Registration in the Cafeteria
Aug 28 & 29	Used Uniform Sale in Drama Room
Sept 4	First Day of School Gr. 9—8:15 in the Gym Gr. 10-12 start at noon
Sept 5	Normal Schedule Full Uniform Day
Sept 6	Photo Day
Sept 13	Meet the Teacher
Sept 21	PD Day
Sept 25	1st School Council Meeting (Parents)
Oct 26	PD Day

## *SPECIAL DEDICATION*

This issue of the Celtic Xpress is dedicated to the teachers who are retiring at the end of this school year. Collectively they have served St. David CSS for over 100 years.

We wish God's blessings for **Mr. Garry Boland, Mr. Kevin Coates, Mr. Mike Oberholzer, Mr. Larry Sianchuk, and Ms. Maria Zeinstra-Dye.**

Their dedication, professionalism, and care for students will be greatly missed.

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant...enter into the joy of your master.'"*

- Matthew 25:21



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The end of a school year brings many emotions and feelings – some of fear, some of excitement some of wondering. At our ending Mass, I spoke to the students about how St. David is an extension of our home – the hallways are the roads travelled to get to our destination, the people are our brothers, our sisters, our parents and our friends, the classrooms are the places to be challenged, to prosper, to play, the chapel our quiet place, the library our living room, the cafeteria our dining room, and the field our playground.

Each and every student has been nurtured, cared for and supported in so many ways, by so many people who walk with them on their yearly journey. I encouraged students to take the time, whether they were at the end of their time at St. David or just beginning, to thank those who have helped them get to where they are – their family, their friends, their teachers and all of the St. David staff.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We have had an exciting year, filled with many accomplishments to celebrate on the field, in the school and in the community. Remember to be present to those around you, celebrate even the smallest accomplishments and ensure you take time to give thanks for all that you have -- today, tomorrow and always. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer. God Bless! See you in September!

Your leadership team – Glenda, Deanna and Kevin

## PARTING WORDS FROM MRS. WEHRLE

A special thank you to everyone at St. David for welcoming me this year.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know the staff, students, parents and members of the Celtic community! This school has a true sense of Celtic pride built on a strong faith, incredible traditions and staff that care deeply about students and supporting them in achieving their goals.

I have been proud to call this my home and honoured to work alongside all of you.

I wish everyone continued success and hope you have a wonderful summer.

Mrs. Wehrle



## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

During our Grad\Closing Mass we said, "Goodbye" to our Grads as well as recognizing the members of the teaching staff who will be retiring at the end of this school year.

We are looking at the light at the end of the tunnel and no, it is not a train...it is Graduation. We are excited about the upcoming Graduation Exercises and know that a lot of work has gone into the planning of this event and that it will surely be a beautiful evening for our Grads and their families.

I am looking forward to the Fall and some of the new initiatives that the Chaplaincy Department will be undertaking.

Please do your best to find some time to relax and reflect on the school year gone by but also with an eye to how you can make next year even better.

See you on Registration Day. Have a safe, restful, and blessed summer break. I look forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall.

St. David, pray for us.

Deacon Ed

## THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to all the students who came out and auditioned for our fall musical production ***Sister Act***! We have a large cast and rehearsals begin the first week of September. We were delighted to have grade 8 students join in the auditions and be cast in the production! (If you missed the auditions and wish to be part of this exciting show, please see Mrs. Foran during the first week of school.)

Save the date to come out and see our Celtics perform on November 28th, 29th and 30th, 2018. This hilarious



## JILL OF ALL TRADES

Conestoga College hosted ***Jill of All Trades*** which is funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry for Advanced Education and Skills Development. 300 participants were in attendance. The day began with an invigorating address by ***Mandy Rennehan***, owner of Freshco, recipient of the RBC Canadian Woman Entrepreneur “Momentum” award. Mandy can tap into the spirit of youth, and by sharing her own self-made pathway success story help them along their own journey. Mandy is a great supporter of the Women in Skilled Trades initiatives. Mandy brought along many members of her team including two recent additions who were recent graduates of the WISK program with Conestoga College.



***Rosie Hessian***, the Chair of Community Outreach, Pathways and Youth Engagement for Conestoga College works with her team every year to make each year better than the last by bringing in new mentors such as: ***Brandi Ferenc*** who is an HVAC Mechanic/ Gas Fitter 1 with Johnson Controls. Brandi spoke to the students in attendance about her own experiences as a trades person and her journey from a University Degree desk job to being a ***Red Seal HVAC Mechanic***.

Jill of all Trades allowed students to select workshops that aligned with their interests and curiosities. Students could choose from several workshops ranging from: Automotive Service, Truck and Coach, Heavy Equipment, and Motorcycle Technician, to Masonry, Welding, Plumbing, Millwright, Electrician, Carpentry, and HVAC. ***Melissa Valad***; a ***St. David CSS student***: ***“...liked HVAC the best. I liked the opportunity to find out and experience a bit of what I would do in the trade.*** Students used the tools of the trades, completed small projects and departed the day with the items they had constructed, new friendships, and a better understanding of the Skilled Trades opportunities that are available to them. ***St. David CSS student Ainslie Huizer*** summed the day up best when she said: ***“It was an eye opening experience, because before this I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and now I know I want to do carpentry.”***



# THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

## ARTS TRIP TO TORONTO

On May 30, 2018 the Arts students of St. David filled a bus after school and headed out to Toronto to see the evening production of MOTOWN at the beautiful Princess of Wales Theatre. This was an opportunity for this close knit group of students and staff to enjoy each other's company and share their passion for the Arts and theatre specifically. This high energy tribute to the incredible musical legacy that came from Motown Records was a hit with the students.



## ARTS BANQUET, JUNE 7, 2018

On June 7, the Arts Department celebrated their accomplishments throughout the year at the annual Arts Banquet. This was a chance to acknowledge the students who have made significant contributions to the Arts at St. David through the distribution of the Arts Certificates. A special group of graduating students whose contributions went above and beyond throughout their years at St. David received Arts Plaques. It was another incredible year in the Arts at St. David.



## VARSITY GIRLS SLO-PITCH



The varsity girls Slo-Pitch team successfully kept their title as the District 8 Champions! We had a great season playing against the other Catholic high schools including the addition of Pere Rene de Galinee this year.

The girls fought hard in the semi final against St. Mary's to move on to the final game against Resurrection. The team worked together – great fielding, superior pitching, and great sportsmanship – to come out successful and win once again.

Congrats ladies!

## SOCCER



The Sr. Boys and Varsity Girls soccer programs have had a successful season.

The boys won District 8 (back to back) and CWOSSA (3 peat) championships. The girls team were District 8 Silver medalists and the first ever St. David AA CWOSSA Varsity girls soccer champions. Qualifying for OFSAA is a huge accomplishment!

Well done soccer teams!



## CELTIC GROOVE MACHINE

### Celtic Groove Machine Hits the Road!

On June 5th and June 6th, St. David's very own Celtic Groove Machine went on tour. The 25 piece band, including both singers and instrumentalists performed at five of the St. David family schools. Students at St. Clements, St. Boniface, St. Matthew, Sir Edgar Bauer, and St. Teresa (Kit.) rocked it out as these very talented Celtic musicians and tech crew made St. David proud. Special thanks goes out to Parent Council for sponsoring our trip!



## THE CULTURE OF LIFE CLUB

Each Friday starting on Mother's Day and going through to Father's Day, members of the Culture of Life Club collected "Change for Children" at the start of period 3.

All of the funds collected will be donated to Monica Place in Waterloo to support young mothers who are parenting or have chosen to place their child for adoption.

Over the course of 4 collections we were able to raise over \$600.00 .

We were also pleased that our Spirit Wear has come in. Members have been seen in the halls wearing the t-shirt or hoodie with the Club name and our slogan, "I'm glad that you were born."

We wish everyone a great summer!



## GUIDANCE

Follow us for all guidance related information, upcoming events and important dates.

**Twitter:** @stdavidguidance

**Website:** <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca>

**Graduation:** Congratulations to all graduates of the Class of 2018! Our graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday June 27 at 7 pm at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.

### Post-Secondary Planning

The summer is a great time to check out Colleges and Universities as students begin to plan for post-secondary education. Remember these very helpful websites for post-secondary exploration and research:

[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

[www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

### Community Service Hours

Remember that summer is a great time to work on community service hours and become a volunteer! See [www.volunteerkw.ca](http://www.volunteerkw.ca) for volunteer opportunities to fulfil your 40 hours for graduation. Community Service forms can be found on the St. David website.

## OFSAA SOCCER



The Senior Boys' Soccer Team completed the greatest season in school history. As underdogs, the boys captured the school 3rd District 8 title, defeating Monsignor Doyle. The boys took their confidence into CWOSSA, and won CWOSSA for the third straight year. But their success did not end there. The boys represented CWOSSA at OFSAA and won it's first ever Bronze Medal at OFSAA in Tecumseh, ON. The Boys defeated Iona Catholic S.S. from Mississauga 2-0 in the Bronze Medal Match. This is a remarkable achievement for the Boys' Soccer Program here at St. David. Coaches Mr. Bedic, Mr. Spanopulos, and Mr. Temple are extremely proud of the boys on their accomplishment.



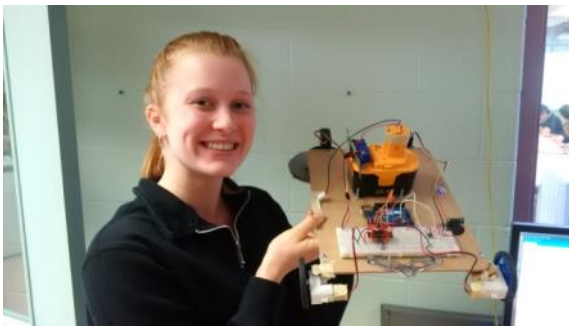
# COMPUTER ENGINEERING

## Computer Engineering Final Projects

Students in Computer Engineering courses (TEJ2O, TEJ3M, and TEJ4M) design and build final projects of their choice. Youthful energy, piles of cool gear, on-call consulting, and a big whiteboard combine to make great things happen. Here is a selection of this semester's grade 11 student projects. - Mr. Alex Matan



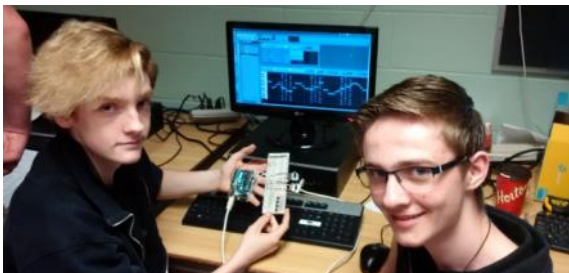
**Liam Dietrich** shows off his **cashless vending machine** which uses an RFID reader, keypad, stepper motor, and Arduino.



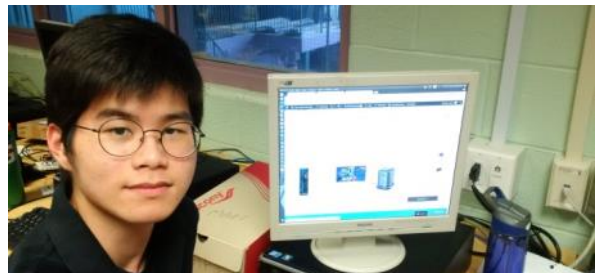
**Jessica Wormald** built a **robotic vacuum cleaner and floor mopper** using ultrasound sensors, H-bridges, motors, an Arduino, and a lot of mechanical prototyping.



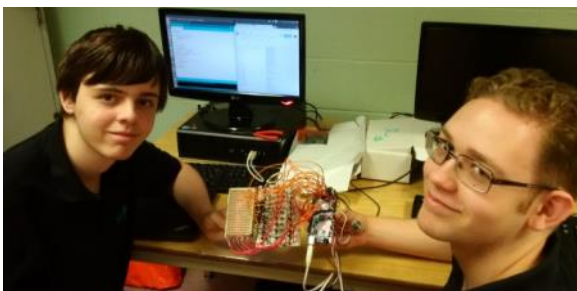
**Dion Grobe & Ohanes Sukjian** created a **wireless telemetry system** that can transmit carbon monoxide (CO) levels and GPS coordinates several hundred meters to a receiving station.



**Dakota Atkinson & Sebastian Misiak** created an Arduino-based custom **MIDI (musical instrument digital interface) controller** that can use any kind of sensor to control a PC-based synthesizer.



**Paul Han** created an **online computer parts store** complete with wish lists and predictive search using WordPress and numerous e-commerce plugins.



**Jordan Murray & Alex Winter** built an **Arduino-controlled LED matrix display** using an Arduino Mega and a lot of soldering and coding.



**Kol Gang** built an **electronic Tic-Tac-Toe board** using an ingenious technique that had each Arduino pin connect to both a momentary pushbutton switch input and an LED output that toggles on/off under software control.



## SUMMER ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES WHO MAY NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Summer can be an opportunity to let loose and relax, but for some kids, the loss of routine, structure and regular contact with a favorite teacher can have a negative impact on mental health. If you are worried about yourself or a friend, or are having thoughts of self harm or suicide, here is a list of options to see help in our community:

**Front Door** – Free walk-in counselling appointments at 1770 King Street E Kitchener  
Wednesday 12-6:30pm  
Saturdays 9-3pm

\*Cambridge and Township appointments also available on Tuesday/Thursdays by calling 519-749-2932

**KW Counselling** – walk-in counselling sessions Thursday 12-6pm 480 Charles St. E. (there may be a fee but subsidy is available) 519-884-0000

**Carizon Counselling** – walk-in counselling sessions Tuesdays 12-6pm 400 Queen St. Kitchener (there may be a fee but subsidy is available) 519-743-6333

### **If your family receives Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support resources**

you may receive free counselling at several Agencies throughout the Region. Closest to St David is:  
Shalom Counseling – 9 Avondale Ave S. Waterloo 519-886-9690

Does your parent have an **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** at work?

This is a different service than a private benefit allowance. Many employers have this. Ask someone at work if the company has this. An EAP is access to free and confidential counselling for the employee and his/her family.

**Here 24/7** 1-844-437-3247 is a crisis line that is available to anyone 24 hrs per day/7 days per week. \*\*There is also a walk-in office of HERE 24/7 at 1 Blue Springs Drive on the corner of King St N., Waterloo (one block up from Chapters near St David) that is open 9-5 every weekday.

**Victim Services** is a group that works with Police to assist when someone has been the victim of a crime or has been witnessed to a tragic event. They are available by calling 519-585-2363 during daytime hours and are available to come to your home to assist if necessary.

**Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence** treatment and support helplines and access to counselling:

519-741-8633 is a 24 hr/7day per week support line  
519 749-6994 is access to supportive counselling

If students are looking for something to do, some way to get involved, a recreation opportunity or ideas about where to volunteer – contact your **Community Outreach Worker**. These are assigned based on your address, but you can find out who is your contact by calling the St David area outreach worker Fariba at 519-742-8327 or you can look up your area at <http://familyoutreach.ca/contact-us/>

**Grand River Hospital** is also always a 24hr/7day per week resource for you and your family if you need it. They are located at 835 King Street W. Kitchener, ON.

